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Attorney Docket No.
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Production of Polygalacturonides and Their Use as Food Additives

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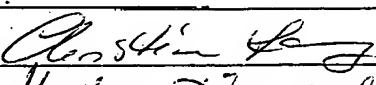
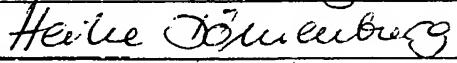
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